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SUBJECT: SUGGESTIONS FOR BETTERING RELATIONS WITHIN
LATIN AMERICA

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

REF STATE 282526,

1. WITH FURTHER REFERENCE TO YOUR INVITATION TO
SUBMIT PROPOSALS OF THINGS WE COULD DO FOR COSTA
RICA OF SIGNIFICANCE IN OUR OVERALL RELATIONSHIPS,
MAY I REFER AGAIN TO MY LETTER TO YOU OF SEPTEMBER 5,
1975, ON THE \$50,000 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.
YOU WILL RECALL THAT COSTA RICA IS ONE OF THE FEW --
IF NOT THE ONLY -- LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WITHOUT
THIS AUTHORITY. THE RATIONALE BEHIND RELINQUISHING
THE AUTHORITY HERE SOME YEARS AGO -- WITH WHICH I
DO NOT AGREE -- EXPIRES THIS MONTH ANYWAY WITH LOAN
022. I AM CONVINCED FROM MY WIDE TRAVELS IN COSTA
RICA THAT THIS AUTHORITY WOULD SERVE IMPORTANT
DEVELOPMENTAL AND POLITICAL INTERESTS HERE.

2. WHEN I DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH HERMAN KLEIN LAST
MONTH, I TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED HIS ARGUMENT THAT WE
SHOULD DEFER SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST TO CONGRESS TO REESTABLISH
THIS FOR A YEAR IN ORDER TO AVOID CALLING UNDESIRABLE ATTENTION TO
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OUR AID PROGRAM IN COSTA RICA. ON REFLECTION, HOWEVER,

I DO NOT BELIEVE FURTHER DELAY IS WARRANTED, BOTH
BECAUSE OUR AID PROGRAM HERE IS SOUND AND CAN STAND
ON ITS OWN FEET, AND BECAUSE THE NEW AID AUTHORIZATION
IS FOR TWO YEARS RATHER THAN ONE AND I AM NOT PREPARED
TO WAIT TWO YEARS FOR A RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER.

3. I SHALL APPRECIATE YOUR SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION
OF THIS MATTER.

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